"(b) Necessary up-to-date figures about the correct percentages are not readily available. It may, however, be stated that the number of upper division posts does not bear a fixed and uniform ratio to the number of lower division posts either in the Registration Department or in the Revenue or Public Works Department.

(c) The criterion for assessing the required number of upper division posts is the nature of the work that is to be done by clerks. If the duties of a clerk are mainly of a routine nature, the post will be in the lower division and if the clerk is to do noting and drafting and to deal with important subjects the post will be in the upper division."

Anti-malarial operation in East Godavari.

* 1158 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member Sri Y. V. Krishna Rao is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether anti-malarial operations have been started in Yellavaram taluk, East Godavari district, as promised in Letter No. 52211 E-2/52-1, Health, dated 12th November 1952; and

(b) whether any officers have been appointed for the purpose and if so, from what date and of which cadre?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(a) Yes.

"(b) A Health Officer, Class I with necessary subordinate staff has been sanctioned. The Health Officer joined duty on 12th February 1953."

Ten per cent cut in the salaries of High Court Judges.

* 1159 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the 10 per cent cut imposed by the Madras State Government was accepted voluntarily by the High Court Judges?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"No, Sir. No attempt was made in view of previous experience. I may mention that there was previously a voluntary cut and they all withdrew afterwards. That is what I referred to as 'previous experience'. Almost all the Judges in India did it.

"I may add the salaries of the High Court Judges have been fixed by the Constitution. Their pay cannot be ordered to be cut by the State Government. We have since withdrawn the orders imposing a temporary cut of 10 per cent on the pay of the State Officers, consequent on the Government of India's non-acceptance of this Government's suggestion for a similar cut in the pay of All-India Service Officers. So the question of voluntary cut for Judges cannot arise."